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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 20 February 2002 at 1.00pm**

**Present**

Councillors Werry (Chairperson), Aitken, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long and Thomas

**Also Present**

Councillor Yardley

**Officers Present**

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Kennedy, Leonard, Maguire, Morrison, Nugent, Roberts, Saywell, Schollum and Sells

**Brian Wyndham**

Councillor Werry said that it is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Brian Wyndham passed away on the morning of Monday, 18 February whilst on holiday in Tauranga.

Brian was employed within the Distribution Section of the Water Group since May 1981. During that time he has always been a dedicated and valued member of the team.

We extend our sympathies to Jan and members of his family.

Councillor Werry said he will be attending Brian's funeral at Cornwall Manor in Knights Road at 10.30am on Friday 22 February.

Members and officers then stood in silence as a mark of respect to Brian.

## Public Business

### Procedural Items

#### US 12 Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)*

*That the apologies from Councillors McDavitt and Shields, who were absent on other Council business, be confirmed.*

#### US 13 Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

#### US 14 Confirmation of Minutes

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Thomas)*

*That the minutes of the Public and Public Excluded meeting, Report 02.63 and PE 02.64, of 7 December 2001, be confirmed.*

## Matters for Decision

#### US 15 Metropolitan Leak Detection Programme - Termination

**Report 02.45**

File: B/5/7/12

*Resolved*

*(Cr Long/Cr Thomas)*

*That the Council ceases funding the Metropolitan Leak Detection Programme after 30 June 2002, and return the funding value to its four water supply customers through a reduction in the bulk water levy.*

#### US 16 Wholesale Water: Capital Works Projects Half Year Review

**Report 02.57**

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Long/Cr Aitken)*

- (1) That some capital projects for the 2001/02 year will not proceed, will be modified in scope, or will cost less than originally estimated, be noted.*
- (2) That new projects of \$16,000, increased project scope of \$82,500, cost increases of \$77,000 and \$34,000 for projects not completed in the 2000/01 year, be approved.*
- (3) That the net savings after the increases and decreases is estimated at \$875,000, be noted.*

## **Matters for Information**

### **US 17 Kapiti Coast Water Supply**

#### **Report 02.60**

File: B/19/12/1

Councillor Yardley left at 1.25pm.

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

### **US 18 Divisional Report**

#### **Report 02.55**

File: O/2/1/10

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Aitken)*

*That the report be received and the information noted.*

## **Matters for Recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee**

### **US 19 Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010: 2002 Update (Incorporating Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan)**

#### **(1) Report of Council Chairperson**

#### **Report 02.44**

File: CFO/7/6/10

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)*

*That the resolution of Council on 14 February 2002 as follows be noted:*

- (1) That the report be received and referred to Standing Committees for consideration with their 2002:2010 Operating Plans (which support the Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2002 Update).*
- (2) That all Standing Committees be asked to exercise restraint, and in particular, take into account the desire of the Council to reduce the projected rate level of 5.3% to below 4%.*

**(2) Report of Chief Financial Officer**

**Report 02.46**

File: CFO/7/6/10

*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Laidlaw)*

*That the resolution of Council on 14 February 2002 be noted as follows:*

*That the report be received and referred to Standing Committees for consideration with their 2002:2010 Operating Plans (which support the Long-Term Financial Strategy 2000-2010:2002 Update).*

**US 20 Utility Services Division – Water Group: Proposed Operating Plans 2002-2010**

**Report 02.58**

*Resolved to Recommend*

*(Cr Long/Cr Aitken)*

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That the Water Group Operating Plan be approved in principle.*
- (3) That the draft Operating Plans for the Water Group be recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Financial Strategy 2002-2010: 2002 Update (incorporating the Council's 2002/03 Annual Plan) noting the impact of rating of infrastructural assets would need to be re-assessed before the final bulk water levy is set in June 2002.*

**Other Business**

**US 21 Questions**

There were no questions.

**US 22 General**

There were no matters of general business.

US 23 **Exclusion of the Public**

**Report 01.863**

File: E/6/17/2

*Resolved*

*(Cr Werry/Cr Long)*

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

*Utility Services Division – Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2002-2010*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i></b>	<b><i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<i>Utility Services Division – Plantation Forestry: Proposed Operating Plans 2002-2010</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie to carry on commercial negotiations).</i>

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:*

*Wellington Regional Council*

The open part of the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

CR R J WERRY  
Chairman

Date: